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This is a response to the Examiner's requirement for an election of species having a shortened statutory date for a response set to expire on May 13, 2004.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the Group I claim 6 and withdraws claims 1-5 and 7-10 without prejudice.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining the application, please amend the application as shown below.